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PETITION CANDIDATES SWEEP 1970 OPC ELECTIONS



WILL POWER: Will Sparks (right) congratulates his opponent, Will Oursler, on the latter's presidential victory in the April 30 Club elections. That's Lewis Thompson looking on. (Photo by Lauro Boccioletti).

A slate of 10 petition candidates headed by *Will Oursler* swept into office by a wide margin in the 1970 OPC election.

Oursler defeated his opponent for the presidency, *Will Sparks*, by a margin of more than two to one. Election results were announced during the April 30 Annual Meeting.

Madeline D. Ross, *Joseph C. Peters* and *Henry Gellermann* were elected vice presidents in that order; *Anita Diamant Berke*, secretary; and *Leonard Saffir*, treasurer. Newly-elected members of the Board of Governors are: *Marguerite Cartwright*, *Jim Wessel*, *Ralph H. Major, Jr.*, *Ralph R. Schulz*, *Harry L. Welker, Jr.*, and *Seymour Freidin*.

Gellermann and Freidin were the only Active candidates selected by the Nominations Committee who made it. *John T. McAllister* and *Stephen E. Korsen*, both named by the Nominations Committee, were chosen as Associate board members. There were

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Annual Meeting Not a 'Happening'

The 1970 annual meeting of the OPC on April 30th was well-attended, brisk and it moved with a minimum of procedural disagreements. In that regard it disappointed some who have come to think of it as a spectator sport.

Outgoing President *Hal Lehrman* truncated his farewell address in response to obvious eagerness by the membership to get on with the business of the meeting. Immediately thereafter, a motion to have the election results announced in advance of other business was adopted by a large margin.

Since the OPC constitution does

not provide for an interregnum, President-elect *Will Oursler* moved immediately to the chair to conduct the rest of the meeting. He made a brief speech stressing the need for a strong unified effort to deal with critical problems facing the Club.

Department and committee reports, beginning with the Treasurer's report, were presented and accepted.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 11 p.m., three hours after it got underway.

After it was over, the grill did land-office business as members discussed election returns and What It All Meant.

COMING UP

- Installation of the new OPC officers, an informal evening to inaugurate the new Club administration. This dinner event is May 19.
 - A Barbados, West Indies, Regional Dinner, with prizes and entertainment, on May 26.
 - Club closing on May 29, for the Memorial Day holiday.
- (Check the New York Scene on page 3 for details.)

STATEMENT TO THE MEMBERS

All of us who ran together want to thank the membership for their support and for the trust which they have placed in us. We are aware of the responsibility placed upon us in this moment of extreme crisis.

While the situation is critical, both in regard to our relationship with the Correspondents Fund and in regard to the economic conditions of the Club and Club building, hopeful options are still open to us. I do not say the battle will be easy. I do believe it can, and will, be won.

We promise to give you all the facts and decisions quickly.

I would like to share with you some discoveries during the first few days of office, of what we are facing and what we are beginning to do about them:

1) The operational conditions in the Club and the Clubhouse have been found to be in almost total chaos. There has been no centralized control, no chain of command. Various departments of the Club have been functioning virtually autonomously. It has been impossible to obtain accurate figures. The latest report available when we entered office on the first of May was an unaudited statement for February which showed a substantial loss. There has been no certified audit for the past year. The Banquet Manager has been unable to find out whether his operation is or is not making a profit.

We already have taken immediate action on several fronts to correct these conditions. We are establishing a chain of command with an acting Club Manager as well as an acting Business Office Manager. We are bringing in, quickly, a certified public accounting firm to put this situation in order. As soon as possible, we will obtain a controller on a permanent basis. His job will be to establish and maintain sound fiscal and operational controls throughout our Club operation. They do not now exist.

2) It is my hope, and a part of our program, to re-establish the full confidence of the membership in our Club, what it stands for, what it has stood for. Many have left us, many of the glittering names in our profession. I hope, in this new rebirth, many will return. Already, some have indicated that they will. A major part of our program will be to try to bring back former newsmen. Simultaneously, we hope to reach out to

the hundreds of newsmen and newswomen now playing such an important part in the daily and weekly press, radio, TV, magazines and books. We want them to be a part of us and we will seek changes in our constitution so they will be able to join us as active, voting members.

3) Although the previous administration entered into a lawsuit against the Correspondents Fund and later was served with eviction papers by the Fund, the new administration is convinced that there is good will on the part of both the Fund and ourselves and that a solution through the process of earnest negotiation can be achieved.

4) It is our plan to continue programs which have been successful in the past and to develop exciting new programs reflecting the contemporary scene, both nationally and

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Election (From page 1)

no petition candidates in that category.

The election of Peters and Mrs. Berke as officers left two vacancies on the 1970-71 board of governors. Consequently, *Mary Hornaday* and *Lin Root* moved up from alternate status to regular board seats.

Active members cast 519 ballots. Associate members returned a total of 319. Among Actives, 3,073 cumulative votes were cast for the ten petition candidates. Active votes for the 18-man slate selected by the Nominations Committee totaled 2,570.

In the presidential elections of 1968 and 1967, the total votes cast exceeded 800 and 900 votes, respectively.

Judging from a random sample of the ballots, there appeared to be more straight ticket voting than in any previous Club election.

ELECTION BOX SCORE

PETITION CANDIDATES

President

* Will Oursler 335

Vice President

* Joseph C. Peters 310

* Madeline D. Ross 317

Secretary

* Anita Diamant Berke 283

Treasurer

* Leonard Saffir 351

Governor (Active)

* Marguerite Cartwright 318

* Ralph H. Major, Jr. 306

* Ralph R. Schulz 279

* Harry L. Welker, Jr. 267

* Jim Wessel 307

* Elected

** Alternate

COMMITTEE CANDIDATES

President

Will Sparks 171

Vice President

* Henry Gellermann 259

Allen Jackson 236

Howard L. Kany 145

Jessie Stearns 119

Secretary

Ed Edwin 65

James H. Sheldon 155

Treasurer

David Resnick 143

Governor (Active)

** Julius C.C. Edelstein 121

** Christopher Emmet 121

** Paul W. Freedman 103

* Seymour Freidin 260

** Joseph Harrow 104

* Mary Hornaday 254

* Lin Root 212

Charles E. Rotkin 54

Anne Zane Shanks 62

Milan B. Skacel 40

Governor (Associate)

** Bernard W. Frazier 117

** Jack Frummer 88

Mark J. Henehan 64

* Stephen E. Korsen 150

* John T. McAllister 166



ACCOUNTED FOR: Club voters answer quorum call for Annual Meeting. (Photo by Lauro Boccioletti)

Club Debt Down, Former Treasurer Tells Governors

Describing the financial burdens of the Club as "less staggering but still monumental," Treasurer *James Sheldon* told the Board of Governors session on April 28th that total OPC indebtedness had been reduced by nearly \$65,000 during the past year, according to preliminary estimates. At his suggestion, the Board unanimously approved a certified audit of the books for the past fiscal year, which is now underway and should be completed within the next two months.

Sheldon also recommended that the incoming Board consider the advantages of closing the fiscal year as of February 28, 1971 so that a full audit report could be made available to the general membership at the annual meeting next year. This was also approved.

In another action, the Board approved appointment of *Frank Gervasi*, *Lin Root* and *James Sheldon* to fill vacancies on the Board of Trustees of the Edward R. Murrow Memorial Foundation.

The following resolution proposed by *Cornell Capa* and *Russell Tornabene* was unanimously adopted: "To the newly-elected officers of the OPC: the present officers and Board members express fervent hope that the current crisis will be brought to a speedy end, enabling the new leadership to provide members with

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A PAY-IN?

In the first four days of the new administration, 31 members have paid up their house accounts, 23 have paid their dues, and 15 their special assessments, according to the new treasurer, *Leonard Saffir*. Saffir also reported that he and other Board members have had indications from a number of former members that they intend to pay their dues for reinstatement.

BULLETIN DEADLINES for the May 23 issue are noon Monday, May 18, for classified and column items, and noon Tuesday, May 19, for other material.

NEW YORK SCENE

Pass That Peace Pipe

Tues., May 19 – Induction of New OPC officers and Special Awards Ceremonies. Cocktails 6:30 p.m., dinner 7:30 p.m. \$7.

Hatchet-burying time is a less formal designation for this event, designed to introduce the newly-elected officers and governors to the members, and vice versa. This peace offering may include previews of things to come at the OPC, in addition to an evening of good cheer.

Some awards and mementos are on order, too. Display location in the Club for the framed 1969 President's Award, made to the Czechoslovak press for their heroism during the 1968 Soviet invasion, will be officially noted. (It will remain in the Club until it can be delivered to a free press in that country.) The framed copy of the INS Code of Ethics which was on the wall of the INS Paris bureau at the time of the INS-UP merger also will be installed. And a Certificate of Appreciation will go to *Herb Muschel*, for making available without charge to the Club his PR Newswire service. *Boyan Choukanoff* is arranging the event.

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Dinner, Barbados Style

Tues., May 26 – Barbados Regional Dinner. Cocktails 6:30 p.m., dinner 7:30 p.m. \$7.

After enjoying authentic dishes from Barbados and entertainment by Lord Burgess, the musician and songwriter who composed the Barbados National Anthem, some lucky soul will win a round trip for two to Barbados via B.W.I.A., plus a week's hotel stay. (Drawing will be limited to Active members.) Souvenirs and door prizes also are in the offering for dinner guests.



Lord Burgess

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Fri., May 29 – Club closed for Memorial Day holiday.

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Tues., June 17 – Current Problems in Air Transportation. Panel discussion. Cocktails 6:30 p.m., dinner, 7:30. \$7.

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Reservations not cancelled 24 hours in advance will be charged to members' accounts.

Admiral McCain Calls Nixon Plan For Viet Nam 'Absolutely Sound'

By Wambly Bald

An optimistic view of the Viet Nam situation was given by a Pentagon voice at OPC's Edward R. Murrow World Affairs Forum on April 15.

"I believe President Nixon's Vietnamization policy is absolutely sound," Admiral John S. McCain, Jr., Commander-in-Chief, Pacific, told the packed dining room.

The Admiral, whose subject was "Collective Security in Asia," told how well the Vietnamization programs were being carried out.

In the Mekong Delta Vietnamese marines and helicopter gun crews make up a successful team capability that is defeating the enemy, he said.

And in the III Corps tactical Zone, the Vietnamese have already taken over three-fourths of the combat responsibilities.

"The Vietnamese Armed Forces are not letting the enemy rest," the Admiral said.

"They continue to train themselves, accept new responsibilities, and set out in their combat actions with a renewed determination to defeat the enemy. Their Air Force continues to seek out the enemy and to preempt him at every opportunity."

The Republic of Viet Nam's forces have grown from 274,000 men and women under arms in 1960 to today's 1,090,000, he added.

And in three key regions South Vietnamese infantrymen have already replaced American troops. The regions are the capital military district, including defense of Saigon; the northern Mekong Delta, and the coastal belt along the South China Sea running from north of Danang to the eastern flank of the DMZ.

Admiral McCain urged a continuing military alert around the world because of the "communist aggression" threats and because "flareups" can happen anywhere.

"We have had many trouble spots across the globe since VJ-Day in 1945, a day we thought would bring peace to the world," he observed.

"But what may be surprising to many is that there have actually been some 100 or more 'shooting wars' during this period, and countless additional 'incidents' and 'crises.' We were directly involved only in those conflicts that threatened our national interest or that of our allies."

Much of the applause in the crowded dining room came from Navy officers whose resplendent uniforms were beribboned, bestriped and bemedaled. They kept smiling and were very polite at the packed tables where the roast beef was very good.



McCain: The Vietnamese aren't letting the enemy rest. (US Navy Photo)

World-Wide Ticker

KIDNAPPING STORY ATTRACTS NEWSMEN

By Merwin K. Sigale

SANTO DOMINGO — The kidnapping of U.S. air attache Lt. Col. Donald J. Crowley and tense developments on the political front attracted a corps of correspondents to the ever volatile Dominican Republic.

Here on the Crowley story were Juan de Onis, New York Times; Francis Kent, and Roland Dallas, Reuters, all from Mexico City; ABC's Charles Murphy from Miami; CBS's Ed Rabel from Atlanta, and AP's Harold Lidin from San Juan.

As President Joaquin Balaguer touched off political fireworks with a controversial reelection bid, the news corps grew. Bernard Diederich, Time, arrived from Mexico City and AP's Bill Nicholson from New York. Don Bohning came in for the Miami Herald; Harry Caicedo, Voice of America, and this correspondent covered for the Washington Star, New York Daily News, Miami News and Westinghouse Broadcasting Co.

The May 16 presidential election, the first since the post-civil war year of 1966, is expected to bring an even larger influx of newsmen.

DEBT (From page 3)

a continuing, prestigious and viable club. While acknowledging past divisions, all officers and all Board members unite in offering the new officers and newly-constructed Board full aid and assistance toward that common goal."

MESSAGE (From page 2)

internationally. Many projected programs deal directly with great achievements of the news media its courage, its honesty, its vital importance in providing the public with the truth.

These are our hopes as we begin to put our program into operation. It is only a beginning. We need the support of all members. We want their participation on committees or in any way they wish to serve. The membership is our greatest wealth. With your support, we can achieve these goals.

Will Oursler, President



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After 25 Years, An Ernie Pyle Memory

By M. D. Morris

Ernie Pyle and John Cashman are two names on the OPC Memorial Plaque noted with just "Okinawa 1945". What is behind these two terse listings of 25 years ago, comes from my book, "Okinawa — A Tiger by the Tail" (Hawthorn 1969):

"Ie Shima is now world-famous as the place where American war correspondent Ernie Pyle died. Ernie landed with the troops on Love-Day. He would spend all day of every day ashore with them, moving up with them recording for the home front their actions and their feelings. Nightly he would return to his quarters aboard the command ship Panamint to rewrite and file his stories, and then get briefing talk from the planners. Pyle decided to go with the 77th to take Ie Shima and, departing from his pattern, passed the night of April 17 on the beach with them.

"Early next morning, the second day of battle on Ie, he went in a jeep with Lieutenant Colonel J. B. Coolidge and two soldiers to locate a new command post for the 305th Regiment. They were exposed and forward in questionable territory. Near a road section, a Japanese machine gun opened fire on the jeep, but everyone hit the ditches unscratched. Perhaps had he kept his head down, a shell from the second machine-gun burst would not have hit him, as it did — in the left temple just below the helmet. Ernie Pyle died among the men with whom he lived and worked. The Army

buried him about 300 yards west of the spot in a small military cemetery. The plain white cross I saw shortly thereafter read simply, 'E. Pyle, Civilian.' In 1947, his body was removed to Okinawa and thence to a more elaborate final resting place in the Hawaii Punch Bowl. On Ie Shima today still stands the monument which, since its erection in 1945, has carried the mute tribute, 'At this spot the 77th Infantry Div. lost a buddy, Ernie Pyle, 18 April 1945'.

"The other newsmen to die on Okinawa was John Cashman. Losing his left arm in the Navy in 1942, he joined International News Service and was soon again back to the war fronts, this time as a noncombatant. Killed in a crashed Liberator bomber, Cashman is remembered along with Pyle on the memorial plaque in the New York headquarters of the Overseas Press Club."

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Tel Aviv Opens Press Club

TEL AVIV—The first privately operated press club in the Middle East opened in spacious quarters in the Dan Hotel here on April 16.

The Board of Governors are Russ Jones, ABC News; Peter Lynch, UPI; Teodoro Ducach, Mexican News Agency; Larry Pomeroy, CBS News; Jay Bushinsky, Westinghouse Broadcasting; Brian Calvert and Hal McClure, AP.

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PEOPLE & PLACES

By Wambly Bold

SHE SWITCHED CAREERS: So here is **Mary Kelley Franzoni**, a former reporter who went into the hotel business. And she says, "I still meet 'such interesting people,' but now they don't have to try to impress me as a reporter. They just pay their bills and there is no personality strain." Mary, who in tandem with her husband Carletto now runs the Chiquit Inn, in Shelter Island, L.I., can't get journalism entirely out of her system; she free-lances on the side.

THE PRINTED WORDS: The weekly publication *Variety*, referred to adoringly as the bible of show biz, has been added to OPC's library on the fourth floor. Not too many members make use of the restful library with its array of magazines, books (2000), and soft chairs (usually empty). And it's such a good room to doze in, especially on rainy days....

Just learned that a reprint of **Burnet Hershey's** piece in *Dateline* 1970, "My Eyes Have Seen The Censor," is going into the Congressional Record. A Florida Democrat, Congressman Dante B. Fascell, asked for it.....

Raine Bennett, poet, journalist and scholar, brought out "Vagrant Vanities," a compilation of his verse over the past 25 years or so. Aren't all vanities vagrant? Just asking, that's all....

Back from Italy.... **Sam Waage-naar** says the firm of Mondadori is publishing his book, "The History of the Jews in Rome," which spans 21 centuries....

Art Milton's weekly *Levittown Tribune* got the NY Press Assn.'s annual editorial award...

All about stamps. **Tom Mahoney** authored "FDR, America's Most America's Most Famous Stamp Collector" in last month's *Minkus Stamp Journal*...

Humor in Russia's current culture is not entirely absent, observes an article condensed in the April *Reader's Digest*. The article, written by freelancer **Nino Lo Bello**,

is on Krokodil, Moscow's only lampooning magazine.

SPEAKERS: At the recent *Silurians'* annual awards dinner, the principal speaker was **Turner Catledge**, now retired as a NY Times biggie. He at 69 happens to be a *Silurian* himself... **James Sheldon** is back from a lecture tour on the Middle East with dates at Texas and Louisiana colleges plus TV and radio appearances.

NEW POSTS: Latin-America expert **Joseph A. Taylor** appointed to direct Univ. of Texas' south of the border communications program. He spent 10 years in Latin America as correspondent for UPI and various newspapers.

ABC News' weekend news manager **Jack Begon** went back to Europe on Apr. 25 for his new assignment as correspondent-producer with the network's Rome bureau. He's the reporter who, in 1951, first revealed that the late President Eisenhower would actively "seek and accept" the Republican Party nomination for the Presidency.

CONVALESCING: Ben Kushkin, OPC's head bookkeeper, underwent abdominal surgery in Flatbush General Hospital. OPCers and staff hope for his speedy recovery.

Obituaries

These OPCers have recently died: **James P. Howe**, formerly AP's world-jaunting reporter, who during his career covered stories from wars to earthquakes.

Tom Marvel, author, wine expert and one-time wine and food editor of *Gourmet Magazine*.

Leo M. Glassman, journalist in the English-Jewish field and one-time editor of the *American-Examiner*.

Argyle W. Linington, long-time journalist and a copy chief at McGraw-Hill.

H. Stahley Thompson, vice president of American Heritage Publishing Co. and at one time on the staff of *Yank Magazine*, *Overseas*.

Philip Klarnet, a leader in the public relations field for a quarter of a century and former president of the Edward Gottlieb and Associates firm.

'70 DATELINE BEING MAILED

The 1970 *Dateline* is being mailed to members this week, according to its chairman and publisher, **Bernard Frazier**.

The 80-page magazine explores "The Press vs. the Politician" with pieces by AP's **Hugh Mulligan**, ABC's **Bill Brannigan**, ex-CBS and Time Inc.'s **Sig Mickelson**, Cleveland Plain Dealer's Washington bureau chief, **John P. Leacacos**, ex-LBJ assistant **Will Sparks**, the Air Force's Col. **George G. Loving, Jr.**, and veteran OPCer, **Burnet Hershey**.

Although advertising was down this year, **Frazier** expects *Dateline* 1970 to return a profit but won't speculate on the amount.

Harper's **Sheila Berger** served as art director for the second year, **Pat Rotter** of the *Ladies Home Journal* handled the editing chores and Harper's **Harriet Baumgarten** did the copy editing.

Serving with **Frazier** on the *Dateline* committee were **William A. Hosie**, **Arthur G. Milton**, **John E. Sattler**, **Robert J. Stone**, **Patrick W. Carr**, **Herbert J. Teison** and **W. Yolen**. **James Scott** and **Kathleen McLaughlin** edited the section on Awards winners.

HEARING POSTPONED

A court hearing on eviction proceedings against the Club brought by the Correspondents Fund has been postponed to May 19.

Also postponed was the deadline for the Club's filing a response to the Fund's petition. The new date is May 15.

The long simmering dispute was heightened early last month when the Club's Board of Governors authorized legal action in defense of the Club's interests.

This action was in the form of a petition to the State Supreme Court, for a Declaratory Judgment decreeing that the Club's building was rightfully the Club's property.

The Fund then instituted a counter-action, serving notice of dispossess proceedings on the Club and its sub-tenants.

The Civil Court where the Fund's action was filed will be advised at the proper time, by the Club's Counsel, of the prior action in the Supreme Court. The Civil Court will be petitioned for a consolidation of the proceedings.